| STATE OF INDIANA )                 | BEFORE THE INDIANA            |
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| ) SS:                              | COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE     |
| COUNTY OF MARION )                 |                               |
| •                                  | CAUSE NO: 18675-AG19-1011-148 |
| IN THE MATTER OF:                  | )                             |
|                                    | )                             |
| Nicole A. Lancaster                | )                             |
| 1400 Meeting Road, Suite 202,      | )                             |
| Blue Bell, PA 19422                | j FILED                       |
|                                    | )                             |
| Respondent.                        | ) JAN <b>1 6 2020</b>         |
| •                                  | ) STATE OF INDIANA            |
| Type of Agency Action: Enforcement | ) DEPT. OF INSURANCE          |
| License Number: 978901             | )<br>`                        |

## ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AND NOTICE OF NONRENEWAL OF LICENSE

The Indiana Department of Insurance ("Department"), pursuant to the Indiana Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, Indiana Code § 4-21.5-1 *et seq.*, and Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12, hereby gives notice to Nicole Anice Lancaster ("Respondent") of the following Administrative Order:

- Respondent is a licensed nonresident insurance producer holding license number 978901 ("Respondent's license") since September 10, 2014.
- 2. Respondent's license expired on June 30, 2019.
- On or around August 28, 2015, Respondent was charged with Retail Theft, a Fist Degree
  Misdemeanor, in the State of Pennsylvania
- On October 1, 2015, Respondent was pled guilty to and was convicted for Retail Theft, a
  Fist Degree Misdemeanor, in the State of Pennsylvania.
- 5. On November 6, 2018, Respondent self-reported the Retail Theft conviction from October 1, 2015.

- 6. Respondent failed to report the 2015 criminal charges for Retail Theft to the Department within thirty (30) days from the initial pretrial hearing.
- 7. On August 16, 2019, Respondent was charged in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with the following criminal offenses:
  - a. Possession of Instrument of Crime with Intent, a First Degree Misdemeanor;
  - b. Simple Assault, a Second Degree Misdemeanor;
  - c. Recklessly Endangering another Person, a Second Degree Misdemeanor;
  - d. Criminal Mischief, a Second Degree Misdemeanor;
  - e. Theft Unlawful Taking, a First Degree Misdemeanor; and
  - f. Theft Receiving Stolen Property, a First Degree Misdemeanor.
- 8. Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(b)(2)(A) states, in part, that the Commissioner may refuse to renew an insurance producer's license for violating an insurance law.
- 9. Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-17(b) is an insurance law, which states, in part, that not more than thirty (30) days after an initial pretrial hearing date, a producer shall report to the Commissioner any criminal prosecution of the producer initiated in any jurisdiction.
- 10. Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(b)(8) states, in part, that the Commissioner may refuse to renew an insurance producer license for using fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in Indiana or elsewhere.
- 11. Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(d) provides that when the Commissioner refuses to renew a license, the Commissioner shall notify the Respondent, in writing, of the reasons for the nonrenewal. This Order serves as that notice.

12. The Commissioner further notifies Respondent that, pursuant to Indiana Code § 27-1-

15.6-12(d), Respondent may, within sixty-three (63) days of the mailing of this Order,

make a written demand upon the Commissioner for a hearing to determine the

reasonableness of this action. Such a hearing shall be held within thirty (30) days from

the date of receipt of Respondent's written demand.

WHEREFORE, based on the foregoing, the Commissioner of Insurance hereby notifies

Respondent that Respondent's license shall not be renewed due to Respondent's conviction for

a crime of dishonesty, and Respondent's failure to notify the Department of the criminal

prosecution within the statutorily required thirty (30) day timeframe.

1-16-2020

Date Signed

Stephen W. Robertson, Commissioner Indiana Department of Insurance

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